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In re: Iran

Mr. E. J. Anselinger
Commissioner of Narcotics
Bureau of Narcotics
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

During the winter of 1951 source TODOROVITCH was introduced by one Louis, a Parisian, to an Iranian Prince who was living in Paris at that time.

This Prince owns large opium farms in Tehran. During his residence in Paris he became acquainted with Corsican gangsters, one of whom was this Louis. Louis told him of the heroin factories in France, production of which was going to the United States. Louis suggested to this Iranian Prince that a factory be set up in Tehran to manufacture morphine base and/or heroin for smuggling to France. Louis further suggested that TODOROVITCH go to Tehran and become the chemist.

Accordingly, this meeting was arranged among Louis, TODOROVITCH and the Iranian Prince. Shortly thereafter Louis was arrested in Paris in connection with a big swindle. He sold someone some plain water saying it was radium water (?). TODOROVITCH did not have the Prince's name and address in Paris and consequently lost touch with him.

I believe that this Iranian Prince was Prince PARLAVI, whose name and address was found on Armen HAKCHESBIAN, et al when they were arrested about a year ago in Paris. This was the undercover case developed by Narcotic Agent Paul E. Knight which resulted in the seizure of a heroin laboratory.

It is noted that the HAKCHESBIAN affair was the first instance known to us of Iranians setting up heroin laboratories. I foresee the probability of other Iranians going into this business, in France and/or Tehran or at least producing morphine base in Tehran. Certainly there is enough surplus opium production in Iran to make that country just as bothersome to us as Turkey has been since the end of the last war, from the point of view of using opium for morphine base production.

Today I furnished the above information orally to Commissaire Baillet. He checked his files and identified Louis as Louis CARLISCHI who was arrested by the Confidence Squad of the Sûreté Nationale at Paris for the swindle, as described by me above. The French police

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will now examine the dossier on that affair to possibly identify the Iranian Prince. CARLIGCHI is an intimate associate of the notorious Joe RENUCCI, Corsican gangster living in Tangier.

Very truly yours

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Narcotic Agent

cc: District #2